

MARINE INFORMATION

SHIP HOSTILE ACTION REPORT (SHAR)

Rapid dissemination of a SHAR (Ship Hostile Action Report) is vital so that a radio broadcast warning, if needed, may be promulgated as soon as possible. When a SHAR is received by NIMA, it is reviewed and (if appropriate) sent to the Department of State for action. A SHAR can result in the promulgation of NAVAREAs, HYDROLANTs, HYDROPACs, and SPECIAL WARNINGS. A SHAR is not a distress message.

The text of a SHAR message should include the acronym SHAR, the location or position of the incident, a brief description of the situation, the INMARSAT identity of the ship transmitting the SHAR, the INMARSAT Ocean Region guarded, and the call sign of the coast radio station being guarded, if any. The following is an example of the procedure vessels can use to send a SHAR message to NIMA via either INMARSAT-A or INMARSAT-B TELEX.

